



AASHTO Update

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AASHTO President's Emphasis Areas

- 2008 AASHTO President Pete Rahn's "Emphasis Areas" include:
 - Strategic educational effort to illustrate critical role of transportation infrastructure, approaching severe funding shortfall
 - Expand use of performance measures by DOTs
 - Reduce number of fatalities due to lane departure crashes



Reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Bill

- SAFETEA-LU will expire September 30, 2009
- 10 AASHTO legislative policy teams are drafting proposed policies for presentation to Board of Directors in May and October
 - Highways
 - Transit
 - Rail
 - Freight
 - Metropolitan Mobility
 - Project Delivery
 - Safety
 - Performance Measures
 - Research
 - Finance



Reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Bill

- Policy teams will present proposals to our Board of Directors in May and October
- Topics under consideration:
 - Focus federal program on national goals, delegate other responsibilities to states and locals
 - Increased funding and flexibility
 - Economic development and global competitiveness
 - Develop performance goals/measures for asset condition, congestion, safety, freight mobility, rural accessibility, environmental issues
 - Recommendations on climate change issues
 - Speed up project delivery, innovative financing options

CSS Update

- The AASHTO Task Force on CSS was sunsetted in September 2007
- New 2-year task force was established to focus on project management and project delivery issues, while also continuing ongoing CSS efforts
 - Task Force on Project Management and Delivery, chaired by John Njord, Utah
 - Membership includes representatives from Standing Committees on Highways, Planning, Environment, and Quality, and FHWA
 - Charged with exploring the need to address cross-cutting project management and delivery issues and, if needed, recommend a structure within AASHTO to address these issues and provide technical assistance



New Publications

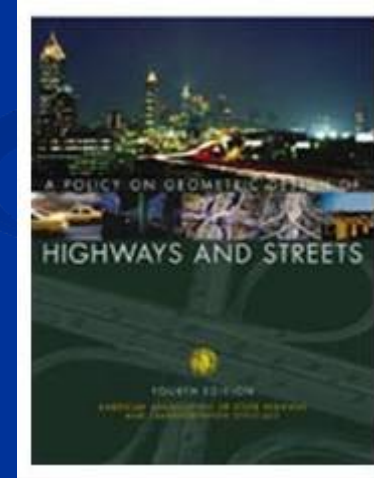
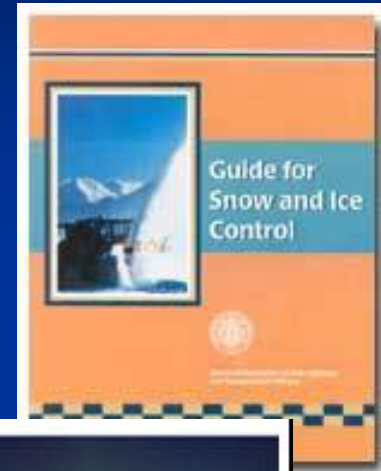
■ Center for Environmental Excellence

- *Above and Beyond: The Environmental and Social Contributions of America's Highway Programs*
- Practitioners' Handbooks, which provide practical advice on a range of environmental issues that arise during the planning, development, and operation of transportation projects
- Web site:
<http://environment.transportation.org/>



Upcoming Publications

- AASHTO Guide for Consultant Contracting



U.S. Bike Routes Task Force

- Task Force on US Bicycle Routes
 - Ad-hoc task force established in 2005
 - Includes members from DOTs, as well as bicycling advocacy groups such as Adventure Cycling, East Coast Greenway, etc.
 - Finalizing their draft “corridor-level” system of long-distance bicycle routes across the nation, as well as a system for naming/numbering them
 - Uses existing routes as well as proposals
 - Presentations to various committees this summer
 - Adoption of plan anticipated in October 2008



Upcoming Meetings

- AASHTO Spring Meeting
 - Branson, MO
 - May 4-8, 2005
 - Standing Committee on Highways, Board of Directors, NCHRP 20-7
- Subcommittee on Design
 - Albuquerque, NM
 - July 13-17, 2008
- AASHTO Annual Meeting
 - Hartford, CT
 - October 16-20, 2008
 - Standing Committee on Highways, Board of Directors, NCHRP 20-7





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